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### PROGRESS BEING MADE CURBING RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

As has been reported in recent months, the Edmonds Police Department has significantly stepped up both enforcement and investigative efforts in response to the incidents of residential burglary seen throughout Snohomish and King Counties. In the past two months, Edmonds Police have arrested several individuals for burglary, including some who were captured as they prepared to commit the act. In addition to these burglary arrests, Edmonds Police have made dozens of contacts of suspicious individuals and vehicles found in our neighborhoods. These contacts often result from citizens calling 911 to report suspicious activity.

The Edmonds Police Department has partnered with other law enforcement agencies throughout the region to coordinate efforts against active and suspected burglars. Arrests in both Snohomish and King Counties have had an immediate impact on the number of burglaries in our community. As of February 2012, residential burglaries are down from recent months. When compared to the height of the rising crime trend near the end of 2011, the City of Edmonds has now realized a 41% drop in residential burglary.

We want to encourage the citizens of Edmonds to remain attentive to suspicious activity occurring in our community. Burglary suspects have been known to drive around neighborhoods with easy access to main roads while they choose a residence that appears unoccupied. The suspect will typically knock at the front door before going around to a side or back door or window to gain entry. Alert citizens have an opportunity to help police identify a burglar during this phase by calling 911 to report the suspicious activity.

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